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NAVSTA PANAMA CANAL PASS TO NAVOCEANO HARSAP COORDINATOR

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LINE 10 PARA 2 OMITTED)

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TAGS: TOCY, CO

SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY IN COLOMBIAN WATERS

1. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) PRIORITY
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CHARTING REQUIREMENTS, USNS CHAUVENET (T-AGS-29) IS
CURRENTLY CONDUCTING HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OPERATIONS IN
THE GULF OF PANAMA. CHAUVENET IS OPERATED BY THE U.S.
NAVY AND IS UNDER THE TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE U.S.
NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE. RECENTLY EXPANDED REQUIRE-
MENTS INCLUDE AN AREA THAT EXTENDS ALONG THE PACIFIC
COAST OF COLOMBIA FROM 06-45N TO 07-14N. NAVY DESIRES

EARLIEST PRACTICAL CLEARANCE FOR THIS SHIP TO ENTER
COLOMBIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY
THROUGH FEBRUARY 1978.

2. NO USE OF COLOMBIAN LAND SITES IS ENVISIONED.
COLOMBIAN PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME WITH UP TO THREE
BERTHS BEING AVAILABLE. HYDROGRAPHIC DATA DEVELOPED FOR
NAUTICAL CHARTS IS UNCLASSIFIED AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE
TO COLOMBIA THROUGH THE HARBOR SURVEY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(HARSAP) IN WHICH COLOMBIA PARTICIPATES. NAVOCEANO
HARSAP COORDINATOR (MR. JOSE VARGAS) HAS CONDUCTED PRE-
LIMINARY INFORMAL LIAISON WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
COLOMBIA NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE (NAMES UNAVAILABLE)
AND REPORTS THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT AND FORESEE NO
DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOC APPROVAL OF THE CLEARANCE
REQUEST. EARLY APPROVAL WILL PERMIT OPTIMUM AND TIMELY
USE OF SCARCE SHIPBOARD ASSETS AND EXPEDITE COMPLETION
OF THIS PRIORITY PROJECT THAT APPEARS TO BE IN THE
MUTUAL INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU APPROACH THE
GOC AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND REQUEST CLEARANCE
FOR CHAUVENET TO OPERATE AS NECESSARY WITHIN COLOMBIAN
TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH
FEBRUARY 1978 INCLUSIVE. REQUEST ADVISE ALL ADDRESSEES
OF PROGRESS ON CLEARANCE REQUEST.

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4. SHIP'S MASTER IS CAPTAIN RATH WITH A CREW OF 154 AND
SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 8. CHAUVENET DISPLACES 4,330 TONS,
IS 392 FT. LONG AND HAS AN 18 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN
IS NYGG AND SHIP MONITORS EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES.

5. FOR NAVOCEANO BAY ST LOUIS: UPON RECEIPT OF FORMAL
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE AS REQUESTED ABOVE, DIRECT LIAISON
IS AUTHORIZED WITH GOC HYDROGRAPHIC REPRESENTATIVES FOR
REQUIRED ARRANGEMENTS ON PERSONNEL EMBARKATION, INFORMA-
TION EXCHANGE, AND OPERATIONAL DETAILS.

6. FYI: DEPT. IS AWARE OF NORMAL GOC REQUIREMENTS FOR
CONDUCTING RESEARCH AS WELL AS LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR
SUBMITTING REQUESTS. DUE TO THE NATURE OF THIS PROPOSAL
IT IS BELIEVED THAT GOC MAY OVERLOOK NORMAL REQUIREMENTS
AS THE END PRODUCT WILL APPARENTLY BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.
END FYI. VANCE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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